

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
Water Management Division
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs) FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) implementing regulation, 40 C.F.R. § 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for waters identified by States as not meeting water quality standards under authority of § 303(d)(1)(A) of the CWA. Each of these TMDLs is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety, accounting for lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between effluent limitations and water quality.

The TMDLs described in this public notice are required by the 1999 Consent Decree entered in the case of Florida Wildlife Federation, Inc., et.al. v. Carol M. Browner, et. al, No. 4:98CV356-WS (N.D. Fla., Tallahassee Division, April 22, 1998). The pollutants identified by the State for which TMDLs will be established are nutrients, chlorophyll a, and dissolved oxygen. All of these segments fall within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Indian River Lagoon Group 5 Basin and, as a result, are scheduled for TMDL development by DEP in September 2004. Since DEP's schedule for TMDL development is inconsistent with EPA's court-ordered schedule, EPA must develop TMDLs, where appropriate, for the pollutants of concern for these segments.

At this time, EPA has developed proposed TMDLs that address the following waters and pollutants listed by the State of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in the Indian River Lagoon Basin:

WATERBODY NAME	LOCATION IDENTIFIED BY WBID	STATE LISTED POLLUTANT
EAU GALLIE RIVER	3082	NUTRIENTS, CHLOROPHYLL A
CRANE CREEK	3085	NUTRIENTS, CHLOROPHYLL A
TURKEY CREEK	3098	DISSOLVED OXYGEN, CHLOROPHYLL A

NORTH PRONG SEBASTIAN RIVER	3128	NUTRIENTS, DISSOLVED OXYGEN, CHLOROPHYLL A
C-54 CANAL	3135	NUTRIENTS, DISSOLVED OXYGEN, CHLOROPHYLL A
FELSMERE CANAL	3136	NUTRIENTS, DISSOLVED OXYGEN, CHLOROPHYLL A
INDIAN RIVER ABOVE SEBASTIAN INLET	2963A	NUTRIENTS
INDIAN RIVER ABOVE MELBOURNE CAUSEWAY	2963B	NUTRIENTS, DISSOLVED OXYGEN
INDIAN RIVER ABOVE MELBOURNE CAUSEWAY	2963C	NUTRIENTS
INDIAN RIVER ABOVE 520 CAUSEWAY	2963D	NUTRIENTS, DISSOLVED OXYGEN
BANANA RIVER BELOW MATHERS	3057A	NUTRIENTS, DISSOLVED OXYGEN
BANANA RIVER ABOVE 520 CAUSEWAY	3057B	NUTRIENTS, DISSOLVED OXYGEN
CRANE CREEK	3085A	NUTRIENTS, CHLOROPHYLL A
SEBASTIAN RIVER. ABOVE INDIAN RIVER	3129A	NUTRIENTS, DISSOLVED OXYGEN, CHLOROPHYLL A
SOUTH INDIAN RIVER	5003C	NUTRIENTS, DISSOLVED OXYGEN, CHLOROPHYLL A
SOUTH INDIAN RIVER	5003D	NUTRIENTS, DISSOLVED OXYGEN, CHLOROPHYLL A
BELCHER CANAL / TAYLOR CREEK	3163	NUTRIENTS, DISSOLVED OXYGEN, CHLOROPHYLL A

A copy of each of the proposed TMDLs can be obtained by contacting Ms. Sibyl Cole at the address below or through the Internet. The URL address for the proposed TMDLs is:
<http://www.epa.gov/region4/water/tmdl>.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed TMDLs or to offer new data or information regarding the proposed TMDLs are invited to submit the same in writing no later than August 29, 2003, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Management

Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, ATTENTION: Ms. Sibyl Cole, Standards, Monitoring and TMDL Branch. Ms. Cole's telephone number is (404) 562-9437. Ms. Cole may also be contacted via electronic mail at cole.sibyl@epa.gov.

The proposed TMDLs and the supporting documents, including technical information, data, and analyses, may be reviewed at 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Persons wishing to review this information should contact Ms. Cole to schedule a time for that review.

EPA will hold a public meeting on the proposed TMDLs in the Indian River Lagoon Basin on July 31, 2003, at 6:00 p.m., at the St. Johns River Water Management District's Palm Bay Service Office in Palm Bay, Florida. The St. Johns River Water Management District's Palm Bay Service Office is located at 525 Community College Pkwy, SE, in Palm Bay, Florida. While this meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for interested persons to ask questions and discuss these TMDLs with EPA personnel, EPA will not be transcribing comments made at the meeting. Prior to finalizing these TMDLs, EPA will consider only those timely, written comments provided in response to this public notice.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe will be interested in this matter.

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Water Management Division
Region 4
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Date